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**HURRICANE IGNACIO CONTINUES ITS PATH TO HAWAII**

HONOLULU — National Weather Service (NWS) reported this morning that Ignacio gained strength and is now a Category 4 Hurricane with sustained winds near 140 mph. Additional strengthening is still possible today before a weakening trend begins.

As of 11:00 a.m., Ignacio was located 585 miles east-southeast of Hilo and is moving toward the west-northwest at 9 mph. The current forecasted track takes Ignacio a little farther north, but the cone of uncertainty remains large. All islands will feel the effects of high winds, with speeds dependent on the exact track. High winds could impact Hawaii Island early Sunday evening.

The first impact of Ignacio will be high surf on the east and southeast facing shores of Hawaii Island and Maui. This high surf could start as early as this afternoon.

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), local emergency management and civil defense agencies, and federal and state partners have initiated actions in preparation as Ignacio approaches. Governor David Ige and the county mayors continue their involvement with storm preparations.

"We ask the public to continue to prepare for this storm," said Doug Mayne, the HI-EMA Administrator. "We can expect the high winds and rainfall associated with the storm even with the uncertainty of Ignacio's path. Monitor the latest storm information on local news media."

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